



राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र और निकटवर्ती क्षेत्र
वायु गुणवत्ता प्रबंधन आयोग
Commission for Air Quality Management in
National Capital Region and
Adjoining Areas



No.120017/27/GRAP/2021/CAQM

Dated: 13.12.2025

ORDER

Sub.: Invocation of actions under Stage III ("Severe" category, AQI range 401-450) of schedule of GRAP (21.11.2025) – steps to be taken

The Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and adjoining areas, in pursuance of the Hon'ble Supreme Court directions, issued a modified the schedule of GRAP vide order dated 21.11.2025 for implementation with immediate effect in entire NCR by all concerned (available on CAQM website- caqm.nic.in).

2. As of now, Stage- I & II of extant schedule of GRAP are in force vide order dated 14.10.2025 & 19.10.2025.

3. Noting an increasing trend in AQI levels of Delhi, the Sub-Committee on GRAP in its earlier meeting held on 12.12.2025 reviewed the increasing air quality scenario in the region and decided to keep a close watch on the situation further. The Sub-Committee in its urgent meeting held at 10:00 AM today, further reviewed the air quality scenario in the region as well as the IMD/IITM forecasts and observed as under:

The AQI of Delhi, recorded as 259 on 10.12.2025 ('Poor'), 307 on 11.12.2025 ('Very Poor') and 349 on 12.12.2025 ('Very Poor'), exhibited a continuous increasing trend owing to very low speed wind, stable atmosphere and unfavorable weather parameters and meteorological conditions for dispersal of pollutants, resulting into trapping of the pollutants in the region and thereby gradually increasing the AQI levels.

*The change in the wind direction/pattern since yesterday and winds blowing easterly has further worsened the situation for the PM 2.5 concentrations, which is the predominant pollutant during the winter season and is on increasing trend. Almost all the AQI stations in Delhi are showing PM 2.5 as the predominant pollutant and **the AQI of Delhi** has been recorded as 387 at 6:00 AM, 393 at 8:00 AM and **recorded as 401 at 10:00 AM today already crossing the "Severe" category mark.***

This situation of calm winds, stable atmosphere and unfavorable meteorological conditions is likely to remain for a couple of days as per the forecast from IMD/IITM.

These include:

1. Further intensify the frequency of mechanised/ vacuum-based sweeping of roads.
2. Ensure daily water sprinkling along with dust suppressants, before peak traffic hours, on roads and right of ways including hotspots, heavy traffic corridors and ensure proper disposal of the collected dust in designated sites/ landfills.
3. Further intensify public transport services. Introduce differential rates to encourage off-peak travel.
4. Construction & Demolition activities:

(i) Enforce strict ban on construction and demolition activities in the entire NCR, except for the following categories of projects:

- a. Projects for Railway services / Railway stations
- b. Projects for Metro Rail Services and stations
- c. Airports and Inter State Bus Terminals
- d. National security/ defence related activities/ projects of national importance;
- e. Hospitals/ health care facilities
- f. Linear public projects such as highways, roads, flyovers, over bridges, power transmission/distribution, pipelines etc.
- g. Sanitation projects like sewage treatment plants and water supply projects etc.;
- h. Ancillary activities, specific to and supplementing the above noted categories of projects.

Note: The above exemptions shall be further subject to strict compliance of the C&D Waste Management Rules, dust prevention/ control norms including compliance with the directions of the Commission issued from time to time in this regard.

(ii) Other than the projects exempted under (i) above, dust generating/ air pollution causing C&D activities to be strictly banned during this period shall include:

- Earthwork for excavation and filling including boring & drilling works.
- All structural construction works including fabrication and welding operations.
- Demolition works.
- Loading & unloading of construction materials anywhere within or outside the project sites.
- Transfer of raw materials either manually or through conveyor belts, including fly ash.
- Movement of vehicles on unpaved roads.
- Operation of batching plant.
- Laying of sewer line, waterline, drainage work and electric cabling by open trench system.

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4. Accordingly, keeping in view the prevailing trend of air quality, in an effort to prevent further deterioration of the air quality, the **Sub Committee on GRAP hereby decide to invoke all actions under Stage-III ('Severe' Air Quality of Delhi, ranging 401-450)** of extant schedule of GRAP, **with immediate effect** in right earnest by all the agencies concerned in Delhi-NCR, in addition to the Stage-I and II actions already in force.

5. Direction No. 88 dated 03.06.2025 as amended on 17.10.2025 allows all BS-IV commercial goods vehicle to enter Delhi for a limited period up to 31.10.2026 and restricts entry of all BS-III and below commercial good vehicle (registered outside Delhi) into Delhi w.e.f. 01.11.2025.

6. As GRAP is an emergency measure, it shall prevail as far as restrictions on entry of BS-IV diesel operated LCVs (goods carriers) are concerned. Therefore, **Action Point No. 6 of Stage-III of GRAP schedule is modified and may be read as under:-**

“GNCTD to not permit BS-IV diesel operated LCVs (goods carriers), registered outside Delhi, to enter Delhi, except those carrying essential commodities / providing essential services”

7. It is further clarified that in terms of Direction No. 88, as amended, all BS-III and below diesel operated commercial goods vehicles viz., LGVs, MGVs, HGVs, registered outside Delhi, are already not permitted to enter Delhi w.e.f 01.11.2025, even if they are carrying essential commodities / providing essential services.

8. Actions under Stage-I, II & III of the revised GRAP shall be implemented, monitored and reviewed by all the agencies concerned in the entire NCR to ensure that the AQI levels do not slip further. All implementing agencies shall keep strict vigil and intensify measures of the extant schedule of GRAP. Citizens are requested to strictly adhere to the citizen charter under GRAP Stage-III.

9. The Sub-Committee, shall be keeping a close watch on the air quality scenario and review the situation from time to time for further appropriate decision depending upon the Air Quality in Delhi and forecast made by IMD/IITM.



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District Disaster Management Authority, Gurugram

Advisory

Today, from 3 pm to 7pm, heavy rainfall of over 100 mm has been recorded in Gurugram City. Indian Metrological Department in its forecast has issued Orange Alart: Heavy to very Heavy rainfall for 02-09-2025 .

In view of the above forecast, all Corporate offices and Private institutions in the district are advised to guide their employees to work from home; and all schools in the district are advised to conduct Online classes on 02-09-2025.



**District Magistrate-cum-Chairperson
District Disaster Management Authority,Gurugram.**

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Dated - **01-09-2025**

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